

PROCLAMATION

BY THE

Governor of the State of Texas

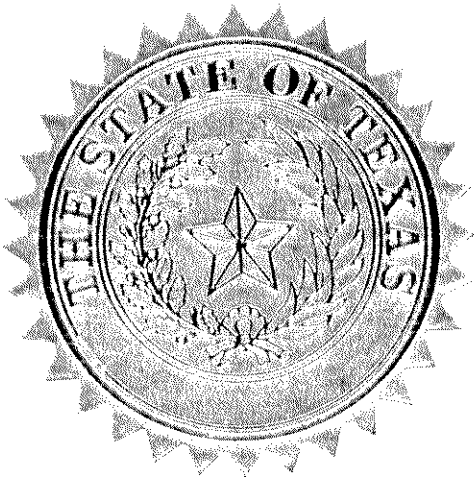
TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 14, of the Texas Constitution, I, Rick Perry, Governor of Texas, do hereby disapprove of and veto Senate Bill No. 718 as passed by the Eightieth Texas Legislature, Regular Session, because of the following objections:

Senate Bill No. 718 would require the Texas Department of Transportation, to the extent possible, to select a route for a segment of the Trans Texas Corridor that lies on the Texas Trunk System. This will likely compromise the environmental process required by the National Environmental Policy Act which requires the state to "rigorously explore and objectively evaluate all reasonable alternatives...so that reviewers may evaluate their comparative merits."

This bill undermines the integrity of the environmental study process and could cause the Federal Highway Administration to conclude the state did not complete a valid alternatives analysis because the legislature dictated a preferred route by state statute.

Since the Legislature by its adjournment has prevented the return of this bill, I am filing these objections in the office of the Secretary of State and giving notice thereof by this public proclamation according to the aforementioned constitutional provision.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have signed my name officially and caused the Seal of the State to be affixed hereto at Austin, this 15th day of June, 2007.

Rick Perry
RICK PERRY
Governor of Texas

ATTESTED BY:

Roger Williams
ROGER WILLIAMS
Secretary of State

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SECRETARY OF STATE
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